

Application No.: 10/736,494Docket No.: 2038-318REMARKS**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues and requires no further search.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 2, 3, 5 and 12-15 is noted with appreciation.

All non-allowed claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Allowable claims 2, 3, 5 and 12-15 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application, namely, claims 2, 3, 5 and 12-15, are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

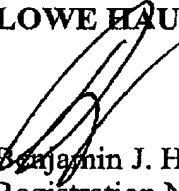
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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